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Aberdeen Road north of Skeet Range Road
Novato
Marin County
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U.S.G.S.: Novato, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1954 (revised 1980)
Petaluma Point, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1959 (revised 1980)
UTM Coordinates: Zone 10; A: 542100/4213620; B: 544720/4212220;
C: 542760/4210650; D: 541040/4212600

Significance:

Building 724 is considered significant for its association with Air Force history in northern California, and with World War II actions in the Pacific Theater. This building was added to the base during World War II, when operations there were greatly expanded and was part of a quartermaster's complex. The building has remained vacant for an undetermined number of years and is somewhat deteriorated but still retains its sense of time and place.

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) for a comprehensive Statement of Significance and individual report HABS No. CA-2398-A for a condensed Statement of Significance.

Description:

This building is of frame construction, rectangular in shape, with slightly curved truss roofs and concrete floors and foundation. It measures 68 feet by 32 feet. The siding is horizontal board, covered in the 1950s with asbestos shingles. The warehouse has double-doored entry bays on either side and the south end and sets of 12-light metal sash windows. It also has a modern kennel on the rear wall with 15 metal and wire mesh dog runs and doors that enter the main building. The kennel area has concrete floors. The remainder of the building has tongue and groove floors covered with eight-inch-square vinyl asphalt tiles.

Historical Context:

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

Built in August 1944, this building cost \$15,684.98 to complete. It was part of an expanded quartermaster complex. In the mid 1950s it was converted to a kennel support facility and housed the base guard dogs. It was vacated in 1974 when the base closed.

Sources:

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

See the project Field Record, roll 15, exposures 7-10; roll 39, exposures 1-2; and roll 39, exposures 9-12.

The line drawn sketches were drafted on site in 1994 by Keith Syda, scanned into a computer and drawn by Christopher MacDonald in 1995, and corrected and finalized by Claire Warshaw in 1996 (all PAR Environmental Services, Inc. staff).

Project Information:

Hamilton Army Air Field is owned by various federal entities including the Department of the Navy, Department of the Army, United States Coast Guard, and General Services Administration (GSA). The Army/GSA parcels are being excessed and sold to private developers. The Navy property is included in Base Closure and Realignment actions.

As part of the Army's undertaking, it has been determined in consultation with the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) that the excess sale will have an affect on properties at the air field, and that these properties are components of a district that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on consultation with the OHP and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 CFR part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was entered into by the interested parties in March 1994. The agreement stipulated that prior to excess sale the Army must contact the HABS/HAER division at the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service, San Francisco, California, to determine the appropriate level and kind of recordation for the subject properties. The MOA further stipulated that copies of the documentation be made available to the OHP and appropriate local archives designated by the OHP. This recordation has been prepared in order to meet those stipulations.

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